



March 21, 2008

Notice of Intent to Issue a Solicitation

THIS IS THE ONLY NOTIFICATION YOU WILL RECEIVE.

Solicitation No: YH08-0071  
Solicitation Title: Medication History Software  
  
Procurement Office: AHCCCS Contracts and Purchasing  
701 East Jefferson Street, MD5700  
Phoenix, AZ 85034

**Anticipated Proposal Due Date and Time: April 11, 2008, 3:00 p.m.**

You have expressed interest in receiving information regarding solicitations like the one noted above. This letter is your official notification that AHCCCS intends to issue a solicitation. A brief description of the solicitation requirements ***IS ON THE SECOND PAGE*** of this document for your review.

If you wish to submit an offer, you must respond to the solicitation document. The solicitation document will be available on the AHCCCS web site at [www.azahcccs.gov](http://www.azahcccs.gov) after March 21, 2008. Follow the links "Contracting & RFPs" to "Open RFPs." Also, if you are interested, you will be responsible to check the website regularly for any solicitation amendments. If you have any questions, contact the Procurement Officer, Jamey Schultz, by phone at 602-417-4629; e-mail at [Jamey.Schultz@azahcccs.gov](mailto:Jamey.Schultz@azahcccs.gov) or fax at 602-417-5957. Be sure to include the Procurement Officer's name.

Although not applicable to this solicitation, the State requires all applicants to register on Spirit, the State of Arizona's e-procurement system at [www.spirit.az.gov](http://www.spirit.az.gov). If necessary, the SPIRIT Help Desk can be reached at 602-542-7600. One commodity code for this solicitation is 0918-0029. Please register for this code and as many other codes that reflect your business type. Registration does not guarantee a contract, but will be advantageous because you will be informed of other solicitations of this type.

## **Summary of Request For Proposals**

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### **Scope of Work Overview:**

AHCCCS, the Arizona Medicaid Program, applied for and received a two year CMS Medicaid System Transformation grant for \$11.7M in funds to build the Health Information Exchange/Health Record (HieHR) Utility. The scope is limited to member health care for AHCCCS.

The HieHR Utility consists of the following four components:

- 2.3.1 Health Information Exchange (HIE)
- 2.3.2 Web Portal
- 2.3.3 Data Repository
- 2.3.4 Electronic Health Record (EHR)

The HIE, along with a record Viewer, will be implemented in the first Phase, followed by the development of a Data Repository offering a more comprehensive, integrated View of a patient's records in Phase II. An Electronic Health Record will be implemented as the final stage to complete the Utility in Phase III. Current estimates suggest that less than 40% of the 16,000 AHCCCS Health Service Providers currently have their own EHR installed or plan to do so in the near future. Many are solo practitioners or located in rural settings with limited resources. The HieHR Utility seeks to augment these numbers by offering alternate solutions for sharing data across the State. Participating Data Providers include, but are not limited to hospitals, laboratories, medication history vendors, physician offices, long term care facilities, behavioral health settings and the Secretary of State office.

Data Providers participating in Phase I will be sharing records of the following four types:

- 2.3.5 Medication History
- 2.3.6 Laboratory Results
- 2.3.7 Discharge Summary
- 2.3.8 Advance Directives

The purpose of this solicitation is to identify and procure the vendor with the most robust solution for providing Medication History information to Users of the Health Information Exchange in Phase I. This data will be available to Health Service Providers and their staff throughout the State of Arizona for the clinical management of their Medicaid patients.

Following the model of other data providers participating in the HleHR Utility, it is desired that the Medication History vendor “publish” notification to the Exchange that a history of medication data exists for each patient. Industry standard formats, such as the CCD, HL7 and NCPDP, will apply to all exchange of data.

The performance of the selected vendor/solution in Phase I will be reviewed and evaluated prior to continuing into Phase II. Vendors responding to this RFP will be asked to describe the advantages, if any, of using their product for Medication History information should AHCCCS move forward with ePrescribing in a later phase of this project.